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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78640

Yoshihiro UETANI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/724,882

Group Art Unit: 1794

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For: CROSSLINKING POLYMER-SUPPORTED POROUS FILM FOR BATTERY SEPARATOR AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING BATTERY USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. JP 2003-142158

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Japanese Office Action dated September 16, 2008) citing such documents, together with an English-language version indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Additionally, Applicant submits an English-language abstract for the listed reference.

Further, It is noted that cited reference, JP-A-2002-110245 was previously cited by the Examiner on the PTO/892 form sent with the Non-final Office action issued in this case on August 12, 2005.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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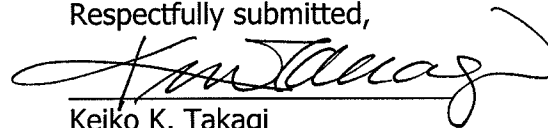
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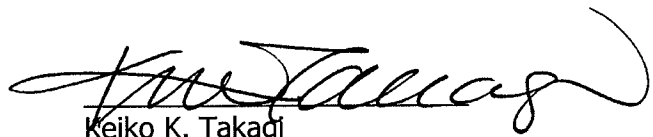
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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed
concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a
counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said
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